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## GRANTS PASS GETS BEET SUGAR FACTORY

### FACTORY ON SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER

Site Selected Believed to Be on Line of the New Railroad Just Out of the City Limits on Fifty-Acre Tract

South Grants Pass will without doubt be the exact location of the new sugar factory. A site there has been under contemplation, about 50 acres being available upon which to erect the factory, construct the sheds and warehouses and establish the feeding yards for stock brought in to be fattened upon the pulp.

This site has been surveyed out and offered to the company. It lies just across the river, and runs south from the sharp turn the railroad makes after it leaves the bridge upon which it crosses the river. This site is admirably located, just beyond the city limits, and has ample room for the sidings that will be built from the new railroad to accommodate the cars of beets as they arrive at the factory.

For the haul to this site negotiations have been in progress for some time between the Twohy company and the Southern Pacific officials to adjust the matter of a joint rate. These negotiations have now been successfully concluded to the satisfaction of each road, and a terminal rate adjustment made.

The only word concerning the character of the buildings to be erected is that received by the Courier from Salt Lake City. This was that fire-proof steel construction had been specified in the contract. Whether concrete or brick will be used for the walls is not known, but already a movement is being undertaken to have brick used, as these could be made right here at home.

F. S. Bramwell, field superintendent of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, in charge of their interests here at the present time, says that the main factory building will be of four stories and basement, and that about ten acres will probably be covered with buildings and sheds. The balance of the site will be employed in the yarding of stock brought in to consume the pulp not taken by the farmers. Stock feeding becomes an industry of much magnitude at sugar factories, the public press noting the arrival in a single day of 3,000 steers for feeding at one factory. Sheep and hogs are also fed at the factory.

The details of the construction of the factory can not be definitely known till the arrival of a member of the firm of contractors, the contractors being the Dyer company, of Cleveland, Ohio.

### EAT MORE FISH AND REDUCE LIVING COST

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Taking a wallop at the high cost of living, the state fish and game commission has begun a campaign to teach housewives how to prepare fish so they will eat more of it—and less meat.

### MISS GETS \$500 FOR ONE STOLEN KISS

Kansas City, Feb. 5.—Because a Metropolitan street car railway conductor kissed Miss Evelyn Whittingham, 16 years old, the company has agreed to pay her \$500, though she sued for \$25,000.

### ACQUIT WIDOW OF MURDER OF HER HUSBAND

Providence, R. I., Feb. 5.—The blood of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr is not upon the hands of his widow.

After several hours of deliberation, the jury in her trial acquitted her of the charge of murdering him; at the same time, however, it held that Victor Brown and Henry Spellman, negroes, jointly accused with her, were guilty of Mohr's murder.

Dr. Mohr was shot as he rode in an automobile with Miss Emily Burger near Providence in August, 1915. Geo. Healis, negro chauffeur, claimed Mrs. Mohr engaged the negroes to slay the doctor. This the defense denied.

Efforts were made to furnish a jealous motive through picturing Mohr's attentions to other women. Then again the state sought to show that Mrs. Mohr was after the doctor's money.

The decision followed an apparent deadlock during about seven hours today. Instructions were asked late this afternoon and then the jury soon afterward brought in its findings.

Mrs. Mohr was overcome with joy at the tidings.

### NO DEADLOCK IN LUSITANIA CASE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 5.—Though the administration holds the Lusitania situation very grave, the scheduled conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing to consider it was abandoned today.

Lansing himself, however, indicated that the situation is not altogether hopeless when he said that negotiations with Ambassador von Bernstorff will be continued. At the same time he admitted that nothing the German envoy advanced yesterday offered new hope for a satisfactory settlement of the problem.

Meanwhile the main hope of officials is that Bernstorff has been given authority to go beyond what his memorandum yesterday suggested.

"Is the situation deadlocked?" Lansing was asked.

"While confidential negotiations continue the situation can not be called deadlocked," he replied.

The fact that the president did not hold his scheduled session with Lansing was taken to mean that he found nothing in the report of his special envoy, Colonel House, necessitating discussion with the premier. What House reported, though, is known alone to the president. In this connection it was pointed out, however, that if House had made an acceptable suggestion for a compromise this would have been communicated to Lansing, in order that the latter might have the benefit thereof in his discussions with Bernstorff. At the same time, the abandonment of the conference indicated that no immediate crisis is in prospect.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The Lusitania situation is very grave.

With German-American affairs thus delicate and entangled anew, President Wilson was scheduled to meet Secretary of State Lansing today in the first of a series of all important conferences to determine America's future policy toward the Germans.

The gravity of the case arises from Germany's refusal to meet the American demand for a disavowal for the torpedoing of the giant British liner.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY C. W. NIBLEY AT SALT LAKE

Head of Oregon-Utah Company Tells Citizens of Medford That Second Factory Will Be Erected in 1917 if Acreage Warrants, and Asks Co-operation of Entire Valley in Making the New Industry a Complete Success

The great factory to be built this season by the Oregon-Utah Sugar company will be erected at Grants Pass.

It took the bluff and the bluster of the Medford Commercial club to bring from Salt Lake City, where the directors are in meeting, a definite statement as to the location of the industry. The Medfordites, frightened at the knowledge that business conditions would dictate the building of the factory in the Grants Pass end of the valley, where the greatest acreage had been secured, and where natural conditions were best suited for the enterprise, undertook Thursday to force the issue, and to block the locating of the industry at Grants Pass. The Commercial club of Medford wired to Alex Nibley at Salt Lake City asking if a bond of \$100,000 guaranteeing the delivery of 5,000 acres of land for the 1916 crop would interest the sugar company. Through this effort the issue was at once brought to a climax, and from Salt Lake City there came a reply from Bishop C. W. Nibley, the head of the company, himself. This reply blasted the Medford hopes, for it stated in positive terms that the location had already been selected by the directors, and that that location was in the Grants Pass end of the valley. The text of the telegram, which was signed by C. W. Nibley, was as follows:

"Salt Lake, Utah, Feb. 3, 1916.—Medford Commercial Club: Your wire to my son, Alec, received. Appreciate your offer. One factory this year is assured for your valley, and the construction contract has been let. The directors of sugar company decided to build first factory in Grants Pass end of valley. It is impossible to get seed for additional factory for 1916 planting. I will be glad to take up building of factory in Medford end of valley for 1917 crop, by which time we hope to get seed from Germany and Russia. The company has authorized its officers and agents to sign up contracts with farms to grow 7,000 acres of sugar beets this year. The company desires that your club and all citizens of the valley render all assistance possible to obtain the additional acreage for this year and by next year you can more easily sign up and grow enough beets for a factory in your end of the valley."

The message that called forth the above announcement was addressed to Alex Nibley, and read as follows:

"Will one hundred thousand dollar bond guaranteeing delivery of 5,000 acres acceptable and irrigated land for 1916 crop interest you? If so, get your father here at once. Weather clear and immediate action necessary."

Word of the exchange of the above telegrams was the first knowledge in Grants Pass that the factory had been located here, though hope had been high and there was anticipation of an early announcement. Naturally there was joy in the community when it was known that Grants Pass had drawn the capital prize. The enthusiasm and the spirit of the whole people had been put into the campaign for beet acreage, and the farmers had signed contracts because they wanted to grow beets and establish a new industry in the valley. The exact location of the factory was a secondary consideration, but nevertheless a most interesting one. Grants Pass is to be congratulated that it has come to her.

### SNOW STORM BLOCKS TRAINS IN MIDDLE WEST

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Chicago, Feb. 5.—The snow storm again blocked at many points, with from the northwest lashed its way a delay ranging from five to fifteen hours.

### JUDGE TWOHY AND SON, ROBERT, ARE HONOR GUESTS

Judge John Twohy and son, Robert E., arrived in the city Saturday morning from Portland and will remain for a day or two looking after the interests of the new railroad which they are building toward the coast. Saturday afternoon the gentlemen went out over the line to Waters creek, inspecting the new portion of the construction for the first time.

At noon Saturday the two gentlemen were the guests of honor at a luncheon at the Josephine hotel which was attended by about 40 of the members of the local Commercial club. At the luncheon Mayor Truax presided, and Judge Twohy, President Robert Twohy of the C. & O. C. railroad, and Frank S. Bramwell, field superintendent of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, addressed the diners. Each of the gentlemen spoke in a most optimistic vein, and showered congratulations upon the city over the successful termination of the sugar factory campaign. The Messrs. Twohy assured the citizens that they were strong in the faith for southern Oregon, and intimated that even larger things than had heretofore been contemplated were in store for the district. They left no doubt in the minds of their hearers that the new railroad would be in the Illinois valley early in the fall.

### LOCALS WIN FROM CENTRAL POINT

"Best game of basketball I have ever seen." This and many other similar expressions were heard last night when the high school boys took the Central Point Athletic club into camp to the tune of 26-17. The game was undoubtedly the best that has been played here for several years and those that attended are probably still nursing their throats from the strain occasioned by too much rooting.

The game opened with the husky team from Central Point going strong, and they managed to make the first basket. They showed the result of playing a large number of games, and whenever they managed to get loose their team work was excellent. The high school boys, although much lighter, were too fast on their feet for the other team and managed to keep the score nearly even all during the first half. The score saw-sawed back and forth and when the half ended the score stood 9-7 for Central Point.

The next half proved the superiority of the home team, as they took the visitors off their feet, figuratively and literally. They easily ran the score up until they had established a lead that would have been hard to overcome. In this half the basket throwing of Hansen and Smith was the feature of the game. The guarding of Presley and Cornell comes in also for a share of the glory of winning the game. H. Harmon, at center, was certainly going at his best, for he easily out-jumped his opponent even though he was handicapped by the superior weight of the other.

The game was not marred by any unnecessary roughness, although at two different times a Central Point player measured his length on the floor and was unable to play for some time. Ross of Central Point acted as referee and Claud Smith was umpire. The high school boys will make a trip to Central Point in a few weeks. They play at Murphy Wednesday of this week.

### ROUMANIA IS ABOUT TO AID ALLIES

Balkan State Prepares to Plunge Into the European Combat, Taking Up Arms Against the Central Powers

Rome, Feb. 5.—Roumania, hitherto aloof from the struggle in the Balkans, is reported in private advices today to be ready to plunge into the fray on the side of the allies. Her army, under a decree issued Thursday, calling the class of 1896 to the colors in advance, will bring her mobilization up to nine-tenths of full war strength. More than a half million sturdy Roumanians are massed on the Bulgarian and Hungarian frontiers.

Already Bulgaria has closed the Roumanian frontier, except at the cities of Oporitz and Pebrugia, as she mistrusts the intentions of her neighbor, Roumania. In this connection it is pointed out that no Roumanians are concentrated on the Russian frontier, lending color to the reports that Roumania will link her cause with that of Russia and the entente.

Heavy artillery from Roumanian Black sea ports is being rushed to the Hungarian frontier, while at the same time the Roumanians are fortifying the Bulgarian border, expecting that the Bulgarians will drive against it if Roumania attacks Hungary.

Several elements have tended to hasten Roumanian participation on the side of the allies.

First, concentration of Russians in Galicia and Bukovina, and the fact that the power of the Slav offensive in Bessarabia has partly offset the Russian retreat in May. And this has convinced the Roumanians that the Slavs are by no means "down and out."

Second, the arrival of Anglo-French reinforcements at Saloniki has convinced the Roumanians that an allied offensive would cripple the Bulgars should they attempt to invade Roumania while the main Roumanian army was engaged against Hungary.

Third, the closing of the Roumanian border by Bulgaria and the closing of the northern and western frontier by Russia on account of troop movements has practically cut off Roumania from the world, making it imperative that she take sides for economic reasons.

Fourth, England's purchase of 80,000 carloads of Roumanian grain for \$50,000,000 in gold won the support of Roumanian grain growers because it convinced them of the financial strength of the allies.

### WANT TITLE TO 60,000 ACRES OF LAND QUIETED

Ukiah, Cal., Feb. 5.—Through its attorneys, Preston & Preston, the D. E. White Lumber company of Greenwood yesterday filed an action against John F. McCullom and 96 other defendants to quiet title to some 60,000 acres of timber land on the lower Mendocino coast. It is rumored that the company is about to dispose of its vast holdings.

### NEAR-REVOLUTION IN LISBON

Paris, Feb. 5.—A riot, assuming proportions of a revolution, broke out in Lisbon last night and continues today. Crowds are attacking the republican guards and pillaging stores.